

Peer Support Specialist

Bureau of Behavioral Health
Recovery Support Services Program

Full-time County Contractual with Benefits

Date Posted: 7/15/16

Date Closing: 7/29/16

Location: 3 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

Salary: \$14.79 per hour

Benefits: Participation in the County's group health insurance program (including dental and optical). Paid holidays, annual leave and sick leave. The selected employee may also participate in the County's deferred compensation program at his or her own expense.

Job Description

Nature of Work: This position functions as a non-clinical, peer based position that engages, educates and supports individuals to make life changes necessary to recover from disabling mental illness and/or substance use disorder conditions. The activities are educational and coaching in nature. A key element that enhances and distinguishes this position is that the candidate appropriately highlights their personal experience of recovery. This position will assist individuals at select community sites. Core hours for the position are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Minimum Qualifications

Education: Graduation from an accredited high school or possession of a high school equivalency certificate.

1. Must provide personal statement describing what skills and abilities he/she has to offer.
2. Must have minimum of three years of recovery from an addiction or co-occurring disorder.
3. Must complete Peer Specialist core training, peer counselor or comparable training program from a recognized and approved source within six months of entry into position.
4. Must achieve certification as a Peer Support Specialist within first 18 months of hire.
5. Must complete any other training that is deemed necessary and appropriate.
6. At least two letters of recommendation.
7. Ability to maintain effective peer recovery relationships with clients and other members of the care team.

8. Strong communication skills with other health professionals, co-workers and clients.
9. Basic computer skills including Microsoft Word and Excel
10. Professionals demeanor
11. No current criminal justice system involvement. Considerations: Length of time since last conviction and type of crime.
12. Must have own vehicle available for travel
13. Must have a current Maryland driver's license with a clear driving record

How to Apply

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications can apply. Send a completed County application or resume to: Sheri Streit, Human Resources, 3 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401; fax to 410-222-4392; or email hdnstre00@aacounty.org.